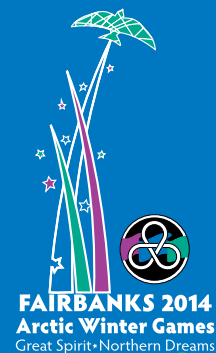


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## LANGUAGES OF THE NORTH

## Greetings!

Here is a series of translations of basic greetings in a cross section of the languages of the circumpolar north.

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 <b>Danish</b>	Hej (HI, LIKE ENGLISH)	Tak (TAHK)	Velkommen (VEL-KOM-MEN)	Godt (GOTT)	Tillykke (TE-LE-GEH)
 <b>Greenlandic</b>	Haluu	Qujanaq [ˈʃ - ˈʏ]	Tikilluarit [ˈkɪ - ˈchɪːˈll - ˈtl]	Assirtoq	Pilluarit [ˈll - ˈtl]
 <b>Russian</b>	Привет (FREE-VYET)	Спасибо (SPAH-SYEE-BUH)	Добро пожаловать (DO-BRUH PUH-ZHA-LUH-WAT)	Хорошо (KHUH-RAH-SHO)	Поздравляем! (PUH-ZDRAH-VLYA-EM)
 <b>Cree</b>	Tánisi	Meegwich	Wachiya	Use these expressions to welcome and cheer on the athletes!	
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 <b>French</b>	Bonjour (BON-ZHOOR)	Merci (MAIR-SEE)	Bienvenue (BYEN-VE-NOO)	Bien (BYEN)	Félicitations (FAY-LEE-SEE-TAH-SION)
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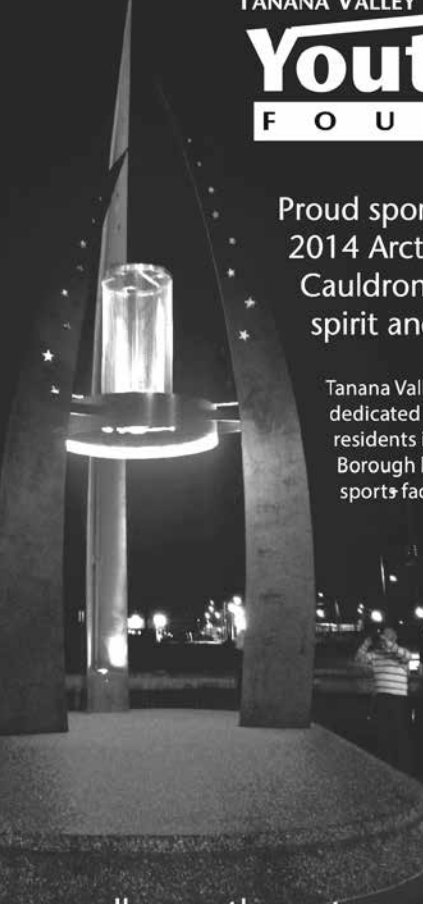

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# Arctic Winter Games: Starting Lineup

## SUNDAY

**CURLING**—Fairbanks Curling Club, Junior Female and Junior Male, 11 a.m.

**INDOOR SOCCER**—UAF Student Recreation Center, Intermediate Female, noon; Juvenile Female, 1 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**—Randy Smith Middle School, Junior Female, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; West Valley High School, Junior Male, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

**CULTURAL EVENTS**—Yamal in the Children's Eyes Exhibit, Grange Hall in North Pole, 7 p.m.; Arctic Winter Games Kick-off Party, Grange Hall in North Pole, 1 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**—Carlson Center, 6 p.m.

## MONDAY

**ARCTIC SPORTS**—Lath-

rop High School, Kneel Jump, Open Female and Open Male, 9:45 a.m.; Junior Female and Junior Male, 1 p.m.; One Hand Reach, Open Male, 3:30 p.m.

**BADMINTON**—North Pole High School, Juvenile Female and Male Singles, Junior Female and Male Singles, Junior Female and Junior Male Douglas, Juvenile Female and Juvenile Male Doubles, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**—UAF Patty Center, Junior Female, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Junior Male, 10 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.

**BIATHLON SKI**—Birch Hill Recreation Area, Juvenile Female and Juvenile Male 5K, 2:30 p.m.; Junior Female and Junior Male 7.5K, 2:30 p.m.

**BIATHLON SNOWSHOE**—Birch Hill Recreation Area, Juvenile Female and Juvenile Male 2.5K, Junior Female and Junior Male, 4K, 11:30 a.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKI-**

**ING**—Birch Hill Recreation Area, Interval Start Freestyle 5K, Junior Female and Male, Juvenile Female and Male, Midget Female and Male, 10 a.m.

**CURLING**—Fairbanks Curling Club, Junior Female and Junior Male, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**DENE GAMES**—Ryan Middle School, Stick Pull, Junior Male, and Juvenile Female, 10 a.m., Junior Female and Open Male, 2 p.m.

**DOG MUSHING**—Jeff Studdert Racegrounds, Juvenile Coed Four-dog 7.5K Race, 11 a.m.; Junior Coed Six-Dog 10K Race, 12:30 p.m.

**ICE HOCKEY**—Big Dipper Ice Arena, Bantam Male, 8 a.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; Midget Male, 2:45 p.m.; Junior Female, 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; UAF Patty Center, Midget Male, 10:15 a.m.; Junior Female, 7:15 p.m.

**INDOOR SOCCER**—UAF Student Recreation Center,

Intermediate Female, 8 a.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.; Junior Female, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Junior Male, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Juvenile Female, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Juvenile Male, 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

**SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING**—Carlson Center, Juvenile Female, 777M, 3 p.m.; Juvenile Male, 777M, 3:08 p.m.; Junior Female, 1000M, 3:30 p.m.; Junior Male, 1000M, 3:50 p.m.

**SNOWBOARDING**—Birch Hill on Fort Wainwright, Slalom, Junior Female and Junior Male, 11 a.m.; Juvenile Female and Juvenile Male, 11 a.m.

**SNOWSHOEING**—Birch Hill Recreation Area, Juvenile Female 2.5K, 4 p.m.; Juvenile Male 2.5K, 4:30 p.m.; Junior Female 5K, 5 p.m.; Junior Male 5K, 5:45 p.m.

**TABLE TENNIS**—Hutchinson High School, Junior Female and Male Singles, 9 a.m.; Juvenile Female and Male Singles,

2 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**—West Valley High School, Junior Female, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.; Randy Smith Middle School, Junior Male, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.; 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**WRESTLING**—North Pole Middle School, Junior Mixed, Team Competition, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**CULTURAL EVENTS**—Pioneer Park, AWG Museum Exhibit, Folk Art Fest and Expo, Pin Sales and Pin Trading, Museums and Train Rides, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Film Festival 2-8:30 p.m.; Morris Thompson Cultural Center, Dene Drummer Demonstration, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Noel Wien Library, Lunch Performance, Noon-2 p.m.; Grange Hall, North Pole, Yamal in the Children's Eyes, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.



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# Sportsmanship rewarded during winter games

By Libbie Martin  
ULU NEWS

The Arctic Winter Games are more than just spectacular athletes and impressive athletic prowess.

There's a huge emphasis on sportsmanship. It's part of the Games' mission and values — fair play, integrity and respect for oneself and others.

Athletes are expected to show these values both on and off the playing field, and not just to their teammates, but to their competitors as well.

The teams emphasize it. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee emphasizes it. It's as big a component of the AWG as the sports are.

That sense of sportsmanship is embodied in the Hodgson Trophy awarded at the end of the Games to the contingent that, in the words of AWGIC policy, "demonstrates the best understanding of the philosophy of the AWG and most exemplifies the spirit of fair play. ..."

In a land as harsh and unforgiving as the Arctic, cooperating and sharing resources is vital to ensure survival. In modern athletics, this is embodied by

fair play and respect for all.

Throughout the week, mission staff, coaches, officials, AWGIC members, registered media and senior staff from the Host Society observe the competitions, the athletes and the villages, looking for instances of sportsmanship.

At all times, contingents are expected to respect rules, officials, decisions and opponents and maintain self-control. It's not just their interactions with each other that are considered — they are judged on showing respect for the host society and community and participating in cultural and social aspects of the Games.

Athletes, coaches, mission staff and official delegates are expected to be ambassadors for both their sport and their contingent.

At the end of the week, the votes are tallied, and one contingent is added to the list of past Hodgson Trophy winners.

The award is named after Stuart M. Hodgson, a commissioner for the Northwest Territories from

## HODGSON TROPHY

*A plaque on the base of the Arctic Winter Games' Hodgson Trophy reads:*

At each Arctic Winter Games, the AWG International Committee presents the Hodgson Trophy to the contingent whose athletes best exemplify the ideals of fair play and team spirit. Team members receive a distinctive pin in recognition of their accomplishment.

"The trophy was donated to the AWG International Committee for presentation by Commissioner S.M. Hodgson of the Northwest Territories, March 1978.

"The trophy is a work of Native Inuit art of the Canadian Arctic. The trophy is composed of an inscribed narwhal tusk with carved soapstone base and climbing bear. The soapstone bear located toward the top of the narwhal tusk symbolically represents 'reaching for the top' in athletics and sportsmanship."

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- 2004 » Nunavut
- 2006 » Alaska
- 2008 » Nunavut
- 2010 » Alaska
- 2012 » Nunavut



Members of the awarded team each receive a pin.

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The Hodgson Trophy rewards athletes who embody a sense of sportsmanship. LIBBIE MARTIN/ULU NEWS

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FAIR PLAY PIN

# Playing fair: It's not just about the sports

By Libbie Martin  
ULU NEWS

While spectators and others rush around Pin Central trading pins and negotiating deals, there is one pin that cannot be bought, sold or traded — it has to be earned.

The Arctic Winter Games are about more than just athletic prowess. There is a great emphasis on teamwork and fair play.

Contingents choose their athletes with these qualities in mind — all participants must demonstrate their understanding of the philosophy of the Games.

For that reason, each contingent's chef de mission, head officials for each sport and members of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee will carry a limited number of Fair Play pins — and they'll be looking to bestow them upon deserving athletes.

The Fair Play pin is awarded to athletes who demonstrate the overriding values of the Games — treating competitors and teammate with respect and dignity, and being "excellent ambassadors of their sport and their contingents" to spectators and the community, according to AWGIC policies.

Officials are looking for these exemplary athletes both on the field, in the community and in athlete villages.

"Each contingent is given a set number of fair play pins to give out, (which) they can give to a coach or athlete who demonstrates outstanding fair play and sportsmanship," says Ben Whiddon, Assistant Chef de Mission of Team Nunavik Quebec. "

The number of fair play pins received is recorded and this helps determine which team gets the Hodgsons Trophy. This trophy is considered almost as big an honor as the overall win."

Recipients of the Fair Play pin will be recognized throughout the week, sometimes formally, sometimes informally.

The pins go to athletes who go "above and beyond" to show sportsmanship to everyone, including competitors who interact with other teams and athletes on and off the field; and who demonstrate leadership throughout the Games.

The number of pins given to a contingent's athletes is a consideration in the Hodgsons Trophy award, Whiddon said.

"For anyone, it is an honor to receive the pin," Whiddon said.

## TROPHY

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1967-1979. He was a big supporter of the AWG, and donated the trophy in 1978.

The trophy is a 6-foot-tall scrimshaw-decorated narwhal tusk mounted on soapstone. A

carved walrus wraps itself around the base of the tusk, while at the top, a carved bear seems to cling precariously to the tusk itself.

According to the AWGIC website, the bear symbolizes "reaching for the top in competition and fair play."

Hodgson couldn't recall where he got the piece of artwork that is

the trophy, according to an article from Northern News Services dated March 20, 2004, and the name of the artist who created it is unknown.

The team earning the trophy doesn't get the actual trophy — that resides permanently in the Yukon Sports Hall of Fame in Whitehorse, Yukon. Transporting

the ivory piece across international borders proved to be problematic because of red tape and customs issues.

According to AWGIC officials, it is very large and somewhat fragile, and shipping costs are astronomical. Teams receive a framed picture of the trophy, and each member of the contingent receives an

individual pin.

As much as the athletes enjoy earning gold, silver and bronze ulus for their sports skill, winning the trophy is always the ultimate goal.

"It is an incredible honor to win the trophy," Kathleen Rehm, Team Alaska's assistant chef de mission said.



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Alaskans, and particularly the residents of Fairbanks, the North Star Borough and North Pole, are honored to host the 2014 Arctic Winter Games. We worked for this moment for three years, and we couldn't be prouder to show off our state, this community, and our people.

While we look forward to competition and displays of skill and athleticism, what we celebrate in the Arctic Winter Games is about so much more than sports — it's about a neighborhood we share. The Arctic Winter Games, begun in the 1970s, are one of the oldest institutions of circumpolar cooperation.

We began through sport to know each other better and now the payoff is seen in many fields. We trade and invest together. We work on common health and environment challenges. We are committed to support each other in education, and revitalization of traditional culture. And, as ice recedes from the Arctic, and a newly accessible Arctic Ocean unites us, we have more to do together.

As Alaska's chief advocate for our state's participation, I am proud that the Fairbanks 2014 Arctic Winter Games Host Society and our state government have instituted a distinct vision for these 2014 Games.

We envision this event being a force for good for the many challenges our communities face in the North. We hope all who participate leave here with a commitment to live healthier lives, and to live in harmony with each other. The young athletes gathered here are role models to our nations. By standing together, by demonstrating life commitments to health and hope, these young people can change the North.



**Mead Treadwell**  
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P.S. As you're trading pins, look for the "Choose Respect" pin. Many Team Alaska athletes have signed a pledge to "choose respect," and will proudly display a pin alongside their Arctic Winter Games patch.

This program, celebrated statewide, is helping us all learn about prevention of sexual assault and domestic violence.

## FROM 2014 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES HOST SOCIETY PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Fairbanks Host Society for the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, welcome to Fairbanks, Alaska, for the 23rd occurrence of the Games!

Our community and volunteers have prepared for these games and are ready to host sporting and cultural events that are sure to inspire great spirit and northern dreams. I am proud to highlight the fact that Fairbanks is the golden heart of Alaska.

You can expect our volunteers to ensure that each and every one of you has the best experience ever. Whether you are participating or cheering, viewing the northern lights or soaking in the hot springs, sitting on Santa's lap or admiring world class ice carvings, I'm sure you will enjoy yourselves and create lasting memories.

Game on!



**Jeff Jacobson**  
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In addition to serving as a jumping-off place to the wonderful wilderness of Interior Alaska, we are the cultural center of the Interior and rich in history. Accessibility, convenient meeting facilities, fine hotels, excellent dining and an abundance of wildlife contribute to making Fairbanks one of the finest destinations in North America.

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offer and are particularly noted for our hospitality and sense of community, which makes visitors feel special and at home. We are confident that this is the spirit of friendship and welcoming that you will experience here.

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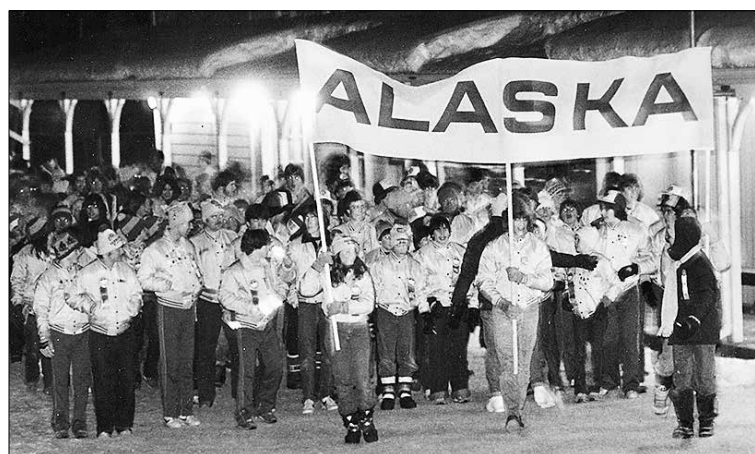
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# Local support, in-kind donations exceed goal

By Julie Hermann  
NEWS-MINER INTERN

Local support has poured in for next week's 2014 Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks.

Because in-kind donations have reached much higher levels than expected, the burden of reaching a fundraising goal of \$1.25 million has eased a bit for local organizers.

"We have lots of companies giv-

ing us something that has in-kind value that we would have had to pay for," said sponsorship manager Cherie Solie.

Seekins Ford Lincoln, the official vehicle sponsor of the Games, will be donating 57 vehicles and is branding them with Games logos. One has been in use since fall 2013. The rest of the vehicles will be used during the Games to move equipment and supplies as well as transport VIPs and special guests, according to Solie.

"We went to them with that proposal,"

Solie said. "We never dreamed that one dealership would be able to provide all those vehicles, but they were happy to do it."

SaniCan, in North Pole, has donated 10 portable toilets, as well as the labor and supplies to deliver them and maintain them during the Games and pick them up when the weeklong sports and cultural extravaganza comes to an end.

Several Fairbanks dentists have donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for the welcome bags, which are given to all 2,000 participants. North Pole Coffee Roasting Company donated small packets of coffee. Mugs, headbands and hand sanitizer have been donated.

Volunteers hours add up to a huge donation. So far, more than 2,700 people, mostly from Fairbanks, have volunteered their time to help out at the Games.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 12 hours during the Games week. That adds up to more than \$250,000 worth of time donated to the Games if each volunteer were paid the Alaska minimum wage of \$7.75 per hour.

Solie said that number is a low estimate.

"Most people donate more than 12 hours," Solie said. "There are lots of peo-

ple that work at least 40 hours."

Solie added that many volunteers would make more than minimum wage if they were paid.

Individual donations have made up a substantial part of the Games' funding. They're almost 20 percent of the slightly more than \$1 million raised so far, according to Solie.

Two programs were created to solicit individual donations. One program asked people to be an Arctic Star by donating \$100 per month for a total contribution of \$2,014, because it's the 2014 Games.

The names of these donors will be engraved on plaques, which will be placed on the new Legacy Cauldron outside the Carlson Center.

The Friend of the Games program raised about \$20,000 through smaller individual donations. Altogether, individuals in Fairbanks donated about \$175,000.

"That's a big chunk of change for individuals to give," Solie said.

The amount of support in the community was surprising, she said.

"We never dreamed we would get this many volunteers," Solie said. "Those in-kind donations came in so much more than we had counted on. It's been amazing."

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## CONTINGENT PROFILE: Team Alaska

## Alaska offering 284 'positive, healthy role models'

By Libbie Martin  
ULU NEWS

Team Alaska will field 284 athletes at the 2014 Arctic Winter Games this year — overseen by 47 coaches and joined by six youths who will participate in cultural events.

The chef de mission position is split this year, with Shawn Maltby and Kathleen Rehm sharing the duties of organizing and directing coach and team selections for each sport, travel planning, fundraising, administrative needs and support for the mission staff, board of directors and athletes.

According to Rehm, who serves as director of outreach, the athletes comprising Team Alaska are more than just skilled in their particular sport.

"They must be committed to be positive, healthy role models," Rehm said.

Athletes were chosen during the past through a process of application, recommendation and tryouts, often by DVD or YouTube video, depending on which sport they participate in.

After making the final cut, the athletes not only honed their athletic skills — they



Alaska flag

learned how to push themselves athletically and be leaders and mentors to both teammates and competitors.

"They are role models," Rehm said. "They stand out as leaders in their community."

Each sport requires different skills and experience. Rehm said all are the type of youths Alaskans will be proud to point out and say, "That's what Alaskans are."

This year, 232 Alaskan Arctic Winter Games athletes are participating in their first Games.

Those athletes will be mentored by 47 coaches, 32 of whom are stepping into



**They are expected to show sportsmanship to all competitors, including teammates. ..."**

Kathleen Rehm, co-chef de mission for 2014 Arctic Winter Games

the shoes for the first time. This "qualified and dedicated team of coaches," according to Rehm, includes former Olympic and World Cup athletes and champions, and a few college coaches.

Like the athletes, coaches must demonstrate more than just skill at their sport.

Team Alaska coaches work with athletes 11 to 18 years old, and each age group needs differing levels of support.

Athletes are from all areas of the state. They have different backgrounds and past experience, making them a diverse and unique group, according to the Arctic Winter Games website.

Coaches must be older than 18, pass a background check and have experience coaching youth sports.

The cultural participants will share

their knowledge with other youths and the world. No matter their role in the Games, Rehm said the expectations to mentor and lead are the same for all participants.

For many of these athletes, coaches and cultural artists, it's the biggest event in their lives, and it shapes them in ways that far outlast any sports-related accolades they may receive. They get excited, Rehm said, and many rededicate themselves to their sports.

"It's a huge part of their development as athletes," she said. "They are expected to show sportsmanship to all competitors, including teammates; expand their cultural awareness; interact with other teams; and show leadership qualities."

The importance of the sportsmanship is symbolized by the Hodgsons Trophy, awarded after each Games to the "contingent whose athletes best exemplify the ideals of fair play and team spirit," according to the AWG website. Athletes receive an individual pin to remind them of their accomplishment.

"Team Alaska has received the trophy four times since 1978," Rehm said. "We're pushing for it again."



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# The other arctic winter game: Trading pins



By Libbie Martin  
ULU NEWS

They call it the 21st sport. It requires no athletic skill, no experience and no tryouts. All you need is desire, time and collateral.

Collateral in the form of ... pins.

Pins?

Yes. The 21st sport at the 2014 Arctic Winter Games is pin trading.

Pin trading is “the most popular” aspect of the Arctic Winter Games, according to Karen Lane, general manager of the 2014 Arctic Winter Games.

## PIN CENTRAL

**Dates** » Monday through Friday

**Times** » 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Where** » Pioneer Park Civic Center, third floor

It’s a good way to interact, even if you don’t speak the same language,” she said.

At 11 a.m. each day of the Games, Pin Central — on the third floor of the Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts at Pioneer Park — will issue that day’s new pins. Traders will congregate throughout the day until 6 p.m., meeting other traders, looking to complete collections

Pins from each of the nine contingents will be released throughout the week, beginning Monday. Individual pins are \$6; the set of nine can be purchased for \$39. LIBBIE MARTIN/ULU NEWS

or fill in blanks from past years, and make deals with other traders.

Haggling is encouraged, Lane said, and arriving early to purchase one of the limited number of pins available is a given. Once the day’s issue is sold out, there will be no more to buy. If you oversleep, you better have good negotiation skills.

Since it is such an integral part of the Games, it’s no wonder Fairbanks has put quite a bit of time and attention into the 2014 pins.

A Pin Committee, chaired by Charity Gadapee of Explore Fairbanks, commissioned the pins. Jill Marshall, of Marshall Arts Design, designed a vast array of individual pins and sets entice and excite pin traders from all corners of the globe.

There are pins depicting each of the 20 sports, the nine contingents, the years of effort, and miscellaneous aspects of the Games.

“Although I designed the pins, the committee had input and approval on them all,” Marshall

said. “Pin design is challenging in that they are small and each color has to be separated by metal. We wanted to offer a wide choice of colorful collectible pins.”

The sports pins depict the 20 sports featured at the Games, designed with clean, simple lines and featuring the AWG logo. The sport pins will be introduced starting Monday. Each day, four pins will be released until all have made

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# TRADING PINS

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their debut by Friday.

Sports pins can be purchased separately for \$6 each, or as a set, for \$100.

The contingent pin collection highlights each of the nine contingents — Alaska, Alberta North, Greenland, Northwest Territories, Nunavik-Quebec, Nunavut, Sappi, Yanal and Yukon — participating in the 2014 Games.

The pins feature Ravee, the 2014 mascot, and the name of the contingent, along with the AWG logo. Team Alaska will be released on Monday with each subsequent day seeing two more contingents released until all are available by Friday. Individual pins are \$6 each; the set of nine is \$39.

Another set of collector pins showcases the four years the Fairbanks Host Society has spent planning for this year's event. Pins for 2012, 2013 and 2014 sell for \$6, while the entire set, including 2011, is \$28.

The host society puzzle pin set showcases the many aspects of logistics and organization required to put on an event of this magnitude.

# MEET THE ARTIST

Jill Marshall of Marshall Arts Design will be at Pin Central from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday to talk about the different kinds of pins and how they are designed. She will sign autographs, as well.

The puzzle aspect — when fitted together, the pins take on the shape of a bird— highlights the importance of working together, both as a host society and members of a team. These pins are available as individuals, or can be purchased as a set for \$39.

Miscellaneous pins, available for purchase individually, underscore individual elements of the Games. There is a pin for Ravee, the 2014 AWG mascot, and a pin honoring the cauldron built specially for the Games at the Carlson Center.

The torch pin symbolizes the return of the Games to Fairbanks; the culture pin stresses the important place culture and heritage hold in the Arctic. The Host Society pin gives Fairbanks the recognition it deserves for bringing the Games to the Interior.

These pins highlight different aspects of the Games that attract even non-sports fans. Each pin costs \$6. LIBBIE MARTIN/ULU NEWS



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# TRADING PINS

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There are several pins committees or individuals — medical, security, media, officials, president, general manager and mayor — available on a trade-only basis, Marshall said.

The design of the special pins had input and approval from the committees or individuals. The only way to obtain those pins is to ask members of the committees if they have any to trade.

“That’s what makes pin trading so much fun,” Marshall said. “Talking to people you don’t know, and speaking the language of pins.”

The Host Society has produced the Pin Trading Guide to help rookie pin traders get on the field and perform like veterans. It’s available on the Host Society website and at the Arctic Winter Games office 333 Barnette St.

Pin trading is the only sport everyone can participate in — athletes, coaches, spectators and volunteers. Traders are urged to bring pins from previous Games, because there’s always someone looking for something.



## PIN PRICES

- All individual pins: \$6
- Sport pins: \$6 single; set of 20 \$100
- Contingent pins: \$6 single; set of nine \$39
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## ATHLETE PROFILE: Bart LeBon

## A blast from the past with athlete Bart LeBon

## ATHLETE NAME:

## BART LEBON

**Year with AWG** » 1978 Northwest Territories, Hay River on Great Slave Lake

**Sports/Events** » Men's basketball

**Placement** » We won the gold.

However, there were only three delegations, so we had to play each team twice.



**Former Arctic Winter Games participant Bart LeBon** JONNI ROOS/  
ULU NEWS

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

**Job** » Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Administrator, Mt. McKinley Bank

**Family** » Married, wife Mary, daughters Allison and Erin

**Hobbies** » I enjoy getting out on my Harley and my snowmachine, and my family and I are very active with the UAF athletics events

## Favorite memory of this time?

It was such a new experience for all of us. My favorite experience was when we went curling — after the last curling game was played, my teammates and I stepped out onto the ice and curled for the first time. The games seemed to be more casual back then, maybe because there were fewer teams but the competition didn't seem as intense — we were able to enjoy competing, but meeting as friends and not opponents after

the game was over. Everyone was very friendly.

## Anything you would have done differently?

I would have made more of an effort to see more of the competitions going on — there was so much more going on around us that I didn't even know about. For anyone competing now, I would recommend getting out when you can and seeing other sports and cultures. There's a lot going on around town.

## Did your AWG experience have any influence in later years — decisions about your future, college, jobs, etc.?

I was already an adult when the games happened, but it was a great experience and I had the opportunity to go somewhere I hadn't been before. If the Northwest Territories gets the Games in a few years and it ends up at Hay River again, maybe I can find a way to get on with Team Alaska and see it again.

## Are you involved with AWG now?

I serve on the AWG board as treasurer.


**Looking back on your experience, what advice would you give someone looking to become an AWG competitor?**

Would you recommend the experience? I would absolutely recommend the experience. As far as how to become an AWG competitor, it's different from the Olympics. It isn't necessarily focused on who's the best in competition, there are a lot of geographic and cultural diversity elements involved in the selection. Contact the AWG office and talk to them.

## Any final thoughts?

I hope Fairbanks and Alaska residents will take the advantage of this opportunity to get out and go to the Games — go to the opening and closing ceremonies, get out and experience each event — it will leave a lasting memory. The next time we will host these games won't be for another 20-plus years. I would encourage people from around the state to visit Fairbanks and see the Games. Don't be left behind.

*Compiled by Jonni Roos*



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# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

By Bob Eley  
ULU NEWS

Three-plus years of preparation are about to culminate in the largest sports and cultural celebration to ever take place in the Golden Heart City.

“Three years of planning is finally coming to fruition,” said Karen Lane, general manager for the 2014 Arctic Winter Games. “We are ready to go.”

Thousands of athletes, coaches, cultural delegates, support staff and fans began flooding into Fairbanks late Friday evening for the weeklong extravaganza running through March 22.

“We’re excited to have so many visitors coming into our city,” Lane said. “It’s going to be a great week for everyone.”

The Arctic Winter Games are a biennial sports and cultural celebration bringing together nearly 2,000 athletes, coaches and cultural delegates from across the circumpolar north for a week of camaraderie and spirited competition.

The Games officially open at 6 p.m. Sunday with a gala opening ceremony at the Carlson Center.

A pre-show starts at 5:40 p.m. and features a performance by Pumyua as well as video messages from Sen. Mark Begich and Rep. Don Young.

The Blanchett Brothers, Steven and Phillip of Pumyua, will serve as emcees at the opening ceremonies.

The pageantry begins with the

parade of athletes into the Carlson Center. Anna Frank will give a blessing and the North Pole High School Choir will be singing national anthems.

Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins and Host Society President Jeff Jacobson will deliver welcoming speeches.

Illaska Assassins, a breakdance group from Anchorage, will put on a performance during the ceremony and again in the post show after the Games are declared open and the Arctic Winter Games torch is lit.

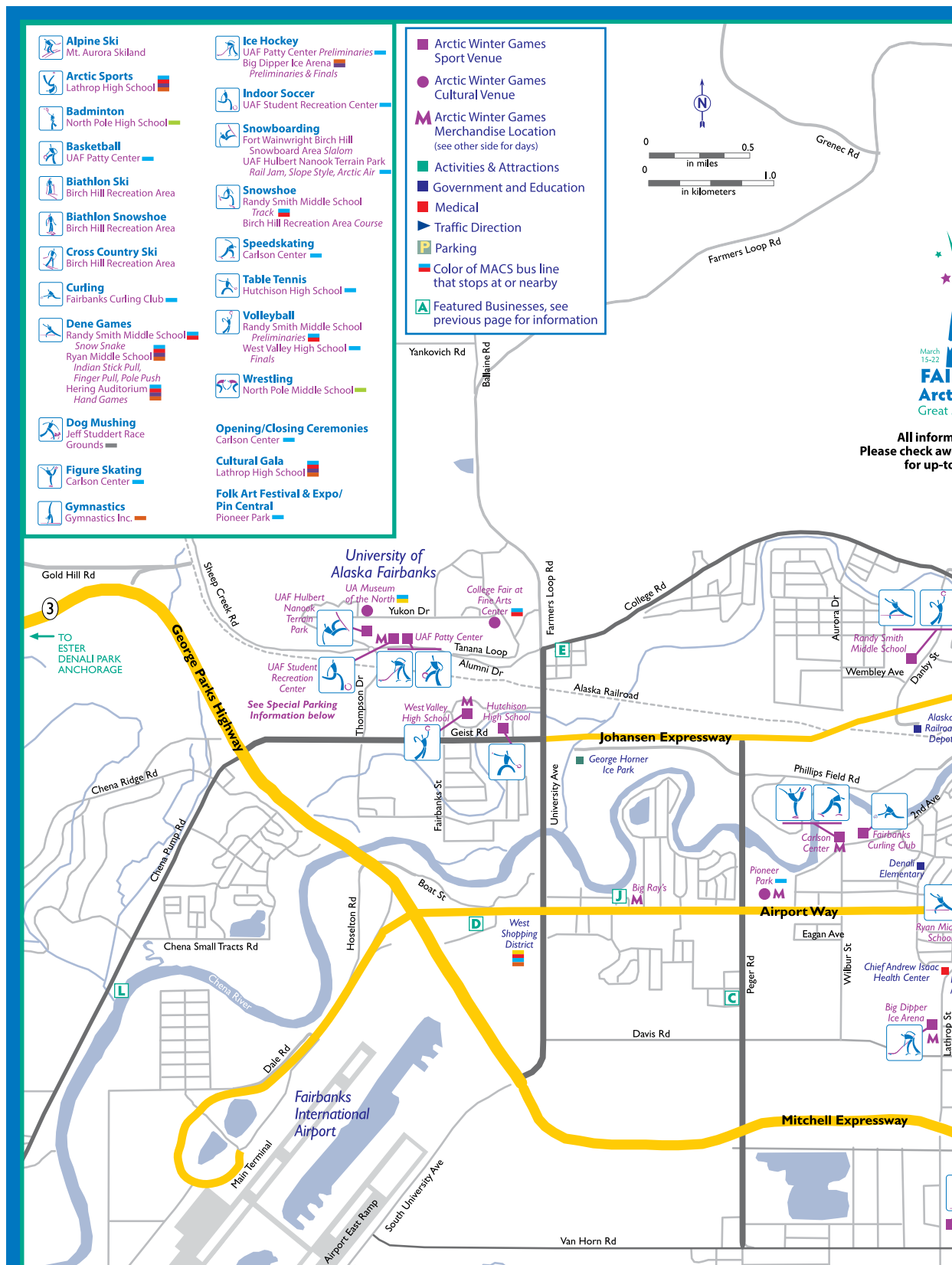
Tickets for the opening ceremonies are \$20. **For more ticket information, see pages 26 and 27.**

Parking at the Carlson Center can get quite congested, so off-site parking is available at Pioneer Park and the Big Dipper Ice Arena. Shuttle buses will deliver fans from the off-site parking lots from 5-5:45 p.m. Sunday and return fans to their vehicles following the ceremony.

Some events — curling, indoor soccer and volleyball — begin before the opening ceremonies.

Volleyball is the first official sporting event to start the Games, with matches at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Randy Smith Middle School (Alaska vs. Northwest Territories junior male) and West Valley High School (Alaska vs. Northwest Territories junior female).

Curling matches begin at 11 a.m. at the Fairbanks Curling Club and indoor soccer matches start at noon at the University



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1:15pm Depart Fox General Store  
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of Alaska Fairbanks Student Recreation Center.

The nine contingents represented at the Arctic Winter Games are: Alaska, Alberta North, Greenland, Northwest Territories, Nunavik-Quebec, Nunavut, Sapmi (Northern Scandinavia), Yamal (Russia) and Yukon.

The other sports being contested include: alpine skiing, arctic sports (Native games), badminton, biathlon ski, biathlon snowshoe, cross country skiing, curling, Dene Games, dog mushing, figure skating, gymnastics, ice hockey, indoor soccer, snowboarding, snowshoe racing, speed skating, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling.

Numerous cultural events will take place throughout the week, including cultural galas at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Hering Auditorium. **See pages 22 and 23 for details.**

Here's a brief rundown of each sports event held during the 2014 Arctic Winter Games. Cultural events are highlighted in a separate article on page 22 and 23.

**ALPINE SKIING:** The competition will take place north of Fairbanks on the Steese Highway at Mt. Aurora Skiland. Competitors in Juvenile and Junior divisions will race in the giant slalom on

Tuesday, the slalom on Wednesday and the Kombi on Thursday. Should there be inclement weather, Friday and Saturday could be used as makeup dates.

**ARCTIC SPORTS:** Arctic Sports is one of two categories featuring youth and adult levels of competition. Dene Games are the other. The competition is in the Junior and Open divisions and will take place at Lathrop High School on Airport Way. Scheduled events include the kneel jump and Open Male one hand reach on Monday, the two-foot high kick, arm pull and Open Male head pull on Tuesday, the triple jump and Alaskan high kick on Wednesday, the one-foot high kick and Open Male airplane on Thursday and the sledge jump and Open Male knuckle hop on Friday.

**BADMINTON:** The shuttlecocks will be flying when the badminton competition gets under way Monday at North Pole High School. There are Juvenile and Junior divisions for male and female singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles. Most of the qualifying takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the semifinals on Friday and the championship matches on Saturday.

**BASKETBALL:** The basketball tournaments for Junior female and male teams will be held at the Patty Center on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Round-robin competition takes place Monday through Wednesday. Play-

offs are scheduled for Thursday, with the bronze medal games on Friday and the title contests on Saturday.

**BIATHLON-SKI:** Juvenile and Junior athletes compete in the event held at the Birch Hill Recreation Area biathlon range, just north of Fairbanks off the Steese Highway. A mass start race is scheduled for Monday, followed by a sprint race on Tuesday, an individual start race on Thursday and a mixed relay on Friday. The Junior division competitors will ski slightly longer distances than those in the Juvenile division.

**BIATHLON-SNOWSHOE:** Also being held at the Birch Hill Recreation Area biathlon range, the snowshoe event has the same age groups as the ski event. Competition will be in the Juvenile and Junior divisions. Mass start races are slated for Monday, sprints are on Tuesday, individual races are on Thursday and mixed relays are on Friday.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING:** Birch Hill Recreation Area will be awful busy during the Games as it also will play host to the cross-country skiing competition and the Snowshoe events. The cross country races feature competition in the Juvenile, Junior and Midget divisions. Interval start freestyle races are on Monday, classic sprints are on Tuesday, mass start classic races are on Thursday and relays are on Friday.

**CURLING:** The Fairbanks Curling

Club on lower Second Avenue will host what should be a highly competitive week of curling competition featuring Junior female and male divisions. The female and male gold ulu winners will be decided based on competition Monday through Thursday, with a mixed event slated for Friday and Saturday.

**DENE GAMES:** These Native competitions will take place at Hering Auditorium, Randy Smith and Ryan middle schools. Competition is scheduled for the Juvenile female, Junior female and male and Open male divisions. The stick pull is slated for Monday at Ryan, the snow snake will be Tuesday at Randy Smith, hand games are slated for Wednesday at Hering Auditorium, the finger pull is Thursday at Ryan and the competition concludes with the pole push on Friday at Ryan.

**DOG MUSHING:** The Alaska state sport will take place at the Jeff Studdert Racegrounds on Farmers Loop. There are Juvenile and Junior division races on Monday and Tuesday and team four-dog races on Thursday.

**FIGURE SKATING:** The event takes place at the Carlson Center at the intersection of Second Avenue and Wilbur Street. The Junior female event is split into four different divisions. Competitors skate their short program on Tuesday and

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	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME
Alpine Skiing <i>Mt. Aurora Skiland</i>					11:30	14:45	11:30	14:45	11:30	14:45				
Arctic Sports <i>Lathrop High School</i>			9:00	17:30	9:00	18:30	9:00	16:30	10:00	20:00	10:00	14:30		
Badminton <i>North Pole High School</i>			9:00	18:30	9:00	18:30	9:00	18:30	9:00	20:30	10:00	17:00	8:30	14:45
Basketball <i>Patty Center</i>			9:00	21:30	9:00	20:30	9:00	20:30	9:00	20:30	16:00	20:30	10:00	14:30
Biathlon Ski <i>Birch Hill Recreation Area</i>			14:30	17:30	14:30	16:30			14:30	17:30	14:30	16:30		
Biathlon Snowshoe <i>Birch Hill Recreation Area</i>			11:30	13:00	11:30	12:30			11:30	13:00	11:30	12:30		
Cross Country Skiing <i>Birch Hill Recreation Area</i>			10:00	12:45	10:00	16:30			10:00	14:00	10:00	12:00		
Curling <i>Fairbanks Curling Club</i>	9:30	14:30	9:00 14:30	11:00 16:30	9:00 14:30	11:00 16:30	9:00 14:30	11:00 16:30	9:00 14:30	11:00 16:30	9:30	17:30	8:30	13:00
Dene Games <i>Ryan Middle School</i>			9:30	16:00					9:00	16:30	9:00	17:00		
Dene Games – Snow Snake <i>Randy Smith Middle School</i>					10:00	14:30								
Dene Games – Hand Games <i>Hering Auditorium</i>							9:00	17:00						
Dog Mushing <i>Jeff Studdert Racegrounds</i>			11:00	14:00	10:00	13:00			12:00	15:00				
Figure Skating <i>Carlson Center</i>					7:45	12:00	13:15	18:00	15:00	20:30				
Ice Hockey Preliminaries and Finals <i>Big Dipper Ice Arena</i>			8:00	21:15	9:00	21:15	9:00	21:00	9:00	21:00	9:00	21:30	9:00	15:00
Ice Hockey – Preliminaries <i>UAF Patty Center Ice Rink</i>			10:15 19:15	12:15 21:15	8:15 19:00	12:30 21:00	19:15	21:15	17:00	21:15				
Indoor Soccer <i>UAF Student Recreation Center</i>	12:00	14:00	8:00	22:00	8:00	22:00	8:00	22:00	8:00	22:00	8:00	22:00	8:00	14:00
Snowboarding – Slalom <i>Fort Wainwright Birch Hill Snowboard Area</i>			11:00	14:00										
Snowboarding <i>UAF Hulbert Nanook Terrain Park</i>					11:00	14:00	11:00	14:00	11:00	14:00				
Snowshoe – Track <i>Randy Smith Track</i>							10:00	12:45						
Snowshoe – Course <i>Birch Hill Recreation Area</i>			16:00	18:30							16:00	20:45		
Speedskating <i>Carlson Center</i>			13:00	20:00	15:00	21:00			8:00	14:00	10:00	16:00		
Table Tennis <i>Hutchison High School</i>			9:00	16:00			10:30	14:00	10:00	14:00	9:00	16:00		
Volleyball <i>West Valley High School</i>	9:30	14:00	8:00	21:30	8:00	21:30	12:30	21:30	8:00	22:30	13:00	21:00		
Volleyball <i>Randy Smith Middle School</i>	9:30	14:00	8:00	21:30	8:00	21:30	12:30	21:30	8:00	12:30				
Wrestling <i>North Pole Middle School</i>			9:00	16:00	9:00	16:00			10:30	17:00	12:00	15:00		

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# Fairbanks School District heavily involved in games

By Scott McCrea

ULU NEWS

Spring break 2014 won't be business as usual for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

While students will be out of school the week of March 17-21, many district staff will be hard at work on various behind the scenes aspects of the Arctic Winter Games.

"The school district is a key partner with the games," Superintendent Pete Lewis said. "This historic event is a teachable moment for Fairbanks' youth and those who educate them."

School district facilities will be used for myriad activities throughout the week, the most significant being the six schools — Ryan Middle, Hunter Elementary, Barnette Magnet, West Valley High, Denali Elementary and Lathrop High — to be used to accommodate the hundreds of visiting athletes.

Lathrop also serves as the main cafeteria for all athletes. Many of the host schools' principals will be serving as the "mayor" of their buildings for the week.

"I'm most excited about meeting new people from different countries and sharing Fairbanks with them," said Dana



**Ryan and Randy Smith Middle School students stand in for athletes from around the circumpolar North in a rehearsal for the opening ceremonies of the Fairbanks 2014 Arctic Winter Games. More than 2,000 athletes will participate in the games. Some 700 middle schoolers helped with the rehearsal.** SAM FRIEDMAN/NEWS-MINER

Evans, principal/mayor of Barnette Magnet. "As the mayor of Barnette, instead of the principal, I think the core responsibility will be the same — to ensure people get their needs met."

Another principal serving as mayor is Dave Dershin, of Lathrop High, who is a former Arctic Winter Games athlete.

"I was a participant in the 1998 games in Yellowknife," said Dershin, who was a mem-

ber of the men's volleyball team. "It was an experience that I will never forget. I'm excited to be able to volunteer and represent Fairbanks as we host the games this year."

Several other schools will be used to host athletic competitions ranging from badminton to snowshoe racing, while Effie Kokrine Charter will be used for a potlatch the evening of March 19.

With the use of facilities comes the support staff to maintain them during the week, ranging from facilities and custodian crews to network technicians and nutrition services workers.

The district's network and computer services department will be providing the games with a custom configured telephone systems, computers and iPads for AWG staff, computer labs for AWG athletes, wireless access for athletes and staff, and ongoing technical support.

Amy Rouse, director of nutrition services for the district, said she will have approximately 50 staff as well as a few others outside of her department — including volunteers — who will be working the week of the Games cooking, prepping and delivering food for the 2,000-some participants.

It's not just during the week of the Games the work has taken place. A lot of

the facility preparation has taken place months in advance, as well as some of the network and technical work.

Most notably, a lot of the advance work has taken place in the classrooms, thanks to the efforts of retired district teachers Trish Warner and Susan Burgess, who co-chair the Arctic Winter Games School Programs committee.

More than a year out, they were working with teachers to conduct assemblies and introduce Arctic Winter Games curriculum and studies into the classrooms, in subject areas including physical education, social studies and art.

Many of the art projects completed by students will be hung in the host schools during the Games, to be viewed and admired by the visiting athletes.

Students also have been involved in other artistic endeavors to include a video contest and writing AWG-themed haikus, while the voices of sixth-graders from Denali Elementary can be heard on the Games' theme song, "Light the Torch."

"We have had a great partnership with the district," Karen Lane, general manager of the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, told the Fairbanks Board of Education at their Feb. 18 meeting. "It is a great effort and we highly appreciate it."

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## GAMES

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the free skate on Wednesday with the two scores combined for a final total. A team event is scheduled for Thursday.

**GYMNASTICS:** Gymnastics Inc. will hold the Junior female competition at its facilities on Airport Way. A team event is scheduled for Tuesday, with individual competitions in the vault, balance beam, uneven bars, floor exercise and all-around slated for Thursday.

**ICE HOCKEY:** There are three hockey tournaments on the schedule — Junior female, Bantam male and Midget male. Games will be played at the Big Dipper Ice Arena and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center. The Junior female division will play round-robin games Monday through Wednesday, with the semifinals on Thursday and bronze- and gold-ulu games scheduled for Friday. The two male divisions play round-robin games Monday through Wednesday, semifinals on Thursday, bronze-ulu games on Friday and gold-ulu games on Saturday.

**INDOOR SOCCER:** The most popular of all the indoor sports, indoor soccer features competition in the Juvenile, Junior and Intermediate

female divisions as well as Juvenile and Junior male divisions. Indoor soccer is one of three sports that features competition before opening ceremonies, with games slated for Sunday morning and early afternoon. All indoor soccer games will be played at the UAF Student Recreation Center. Round-robin action is on tap from Sunday through Wednesday, with playoffs on Thursday and Friday and ulu games on Friday and Saturday.

**SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING:** Individual events from 500 meters to 1,500 meters as well as relay races will be held at the Carlson Center. The competition will feature female and male categories in the Juvenile and Junior divisions. Competition is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**SNOWBOARDING:** A relatively new sport to the AWG, snowboarding features four days of competition in Juvenile female and male divisions and Junior female and male divisions. Monday's slalom events will take place at Birch Hill Ski Area on Fort Wainwright. The other three days of competition are at the UAF Hulbert Nanook Terrain Park, with the rail jam on Tuesday, slopestyle on Wednesday and Arctic Air on Thursday.

**SNOWSHOEING:** Birch Hill Recreation Area will host the cross-coun-

try snowshoe events, while the shorter sprint races and relays will be held on the Randy Smith Middle School track on Wednesday. The cross-country races are scheduled for Monday and Friday.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Hutchison High School will serve as the site for the table tennis competition, which features female and male events in the Juvenile and Junior divisions. Pool play and quarterfinals in singles is Monday, while pool play and quarterfinals in doubles is Wednesday. The mixed team event starts Thursday and all semifinal and ulu-round games are on Friday.

**VOLLEYBALL:** There are Junior female and Junior male divisions in volleyball, which will take place at West Valley High School and Randy Smith Middle School. Round-robin action takes place Sunday through Thursday, with playoffs on Thursday evening and bronze- and gold-ulu games on Friday. Each division features six contingents.

**WRESTLING:** The wrestling tournaments will take place at North Pole Middle School with competition in Junior female and male divisions. Team events take place on Monday and Tuesday, with individual competition slated for Thursday and Friday.

For more detailed information on each sports schedule, go to [www.awg2014.org](http://www.awg2014.org).



Team Alaska figure skater Xinghua Turner takes part in the Figure Skating Short Program Ladies 4 Junior Female on March 6, 2012. WHITEHORSE STAR FILE PHOTO/VINCE FEDOROFF

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# More than sports: Getting a cultural experience

By Jonni Roos

ULU NEWS

Fairbanks will have the opportunity to indulge in an international cultural experience without leaving town during the Arctic Winter Games by taking advantage of the Games' cultural programs and events.

Three to six cultural delegates from each of the nine contingents for the Arctic Winter Games will present performances highlighting the heritage and culture of their home countries.

There will be many opportunities to see the delegate performances during the week at select venues around Fairbanks, including the sports award ceremonies, the opening and closing ceremonies and cultural galas.

Two cultural galas, sponsored by Summito Metal Mining Pogo, are the showcase performances for the contingents. Galas will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at Hering Auditorium.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$30 for youth and senior.

Performance highlights of the galas include:

- Alaska contingent: Yup'ik dancers from Mt Edgecumbe

- Alberta North: Powwow dances
- Yukon: Breakdancing and a contemporary dance titled "Love in the Aurora" created especially for the Arctic Winter Games

- Nunavut: Featuring traditional throat singers, dancers and drummers

- Yamal: Performers will feature songs and dances of the Nenets culture

- Nunavik-Quebec: Artists will be performing a Brazilian drumming incorporating their traditional stories

Free lunchtime performances are scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday:

- Monday at Noel Wien Library
- Tuesday at Downtown Co-Op Plaza
- Wednesday at Doyon Chiefs Court

In addition to daily public performances, cultural delegates will be busy throughout the week with additional private performances at the Denali Center and Pioneers' Home, participating in the annual Parka Parade on March 22 as part

**The Eagle Boy, David Nix, dances the Arrow Dance during the cultural performance on March 16, 1982, during the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks.** NEWS-MINER FILE PHOTO

of the Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race and taking part in a private artists' workshop at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The Arctic Winter Games contingents will bring traditional artwork from their home countries to be featured at Arctic Winter Games Museum Exhibit in the Bear Gallery at Pioneer Park and select pieces for display at the Downtown Co-Op Plaza.

An international film festival is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, showing feature films and documentaries from

the contingent countries on Monday and Tuesday afternoon at the Pioneer Park Theater.

A week long folk and fiber arts expo will be held at the Pioneer Park Centennial Center for the Arts. The expo will have daily themes, an opportunity to sample international cuisine, artist workshops, and a dedicated area on the upper level exclusively for pin sales and trading.

*For more information, go to the Arctic Winter Games website at [www.awg2014.com](http://www.awg2014.com).*



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	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME	START TIME	FINISH TIME
\$ Opening Ceremony presented by ConocoPhillips Alaska <i>Carlson Center</i>	18:00	19:00												
AWG Kick-Off Party <i>Grange Hall, North Pole</i>	13:00	15:00												
AWG Museum Exhibit <i>Pioneer Park Bear Gallery</i>			11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	12:00	18:00
Folk Art Fest and Expo <i>Pioneer Park Centennial Center</i>			11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00		
Pin Sales and Pin Trading <i>Pioneer Park Centennial Center</i>			11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00		
Museums & Train Rides <i>Pioneer Park</i>			11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00		
Dog Sled Rides <i>Pioneer Park</i>							12:00	14:00	12:00	14:00	12:00	14:00		
Film Festival <i>Pioneer Park Theatre</i>			14:00	20:30	14:00	20:30								
Dene Drummer Demonstration <i>Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center</i>			12:30	13:30										
Lunch Time Performance <i>Noel Wien Library</i>			12:00	14:00										
Lunch Time Performance <i>Co-Op Plaza and Bentley Mall</i>					12:00	14:00								
Lunch Time Performance <i>Doyon Ltd.</i>							12:00	14:00						
Local Performance Series <i>Pioneer Park Theater</i>							14:00	19:00	14:00	19:00	14:00	19:00		
<i>Yamal in the Children's Eyes</i> Exhibit <i>Grange Hall, North Pole</i>	12:00	19:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00	11:00	18:00		
Fireworks Extravaganza <i>Location to be determined</i>					21:00									
College Fair presented by Flint Hills Resources <i>UAF Campus Great Hall</i>							9:00 16:00	12:00 19:00						
\$ Cultural Gala <i>Hering Auditorium</i>									19:00	20:30	19:00	20:30		
Parka Parade <i>2nd Avenue Downtown</i>													13:45	
\$ Closing Ceremony presented by GCI <i>Carlson Center</i>													18:00	19:00



**Athletes from the Yukon Territory make their way through the meal line on March 13, 1982, during the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks.**

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# Greenland excited about hosting the 2016 games

By Danny Martin

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Maliina Abelsen will be watching the Arctic Winter Games closely.

Her observations aren't limited to viewing a point guard's perimeter shooting in a basketball game or noticing the way a speedskater handles the turns of an oval.

Abelsen is observing everything about the weeklong cultural and athletic extravaganza in Fairbanks. It's because she's the general manager for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland.

Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, was co-host of the 2002 Arctic Winter Games with Iqualiut, Nunavut, in Canada.

Last October, Abelsen did some early preparation for Greenland's imminent hosting. She attended a social gathering at Pioneer Park for the 2014 Arctic Winter Games host society, and she visited some venues for this year's games.

"It really does help a lot because you know that in two years, we're going to be at the same stage," Abelsen said. "It's just trying to get as much information and knowledge out of people as possible."

Abelsen has made a few inquiries and



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she will make more when she returns to Fairbanks for this year's Games.

"I obviously have not tried before to be the general manager of an Arctic Winter Games event," she said. "Instead of reinventing the wheel, I think it's so much better to go ask people here in Fairbanks what has worked and what do you find difficult?"

"So sometimes, it's better to know it early on so you can kind of prepare yourself," she added.

Abelsen was impressed by the work of the 2014 host society months before the

**"Instead of reinventing the wheel, I think it's so much better to go ask people here in Fairbanks what has worked and what do you find difficult?"**

Maliina Abelsen, general manager for 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland

first event takes place.

"They have done so good for themselves and the facilities are really great," she said. "You're thinking, 'We have just started,' and then you realize there's a lot of things that need to be done the next two years."

"On the other hand," she added, "it's nice to see how they have involved so many people because I know we also did that back in 2002. We know we're going to do the same but it's just a matter of structuring everything right."

Greenland is set to host a larger AWG than it did in 2002.

"It was half the size of what we're going to have in 2016," Abelsen said. "It's going to be biggest event ever in Greenland, in 2016."

"It's been daunting," she said of the

preparation, "but at the same time it's very interesting and challenging. It's very great."

Abelsen had a taste of the challenges of an AWG because she was a Nordic skier for Greenland in 1992 in Whitehorse, Yukon. She earned three ulus — two gold and one silver.

"It was a big, big experience for me," she said. "I was 15 or 16, and it was so great to meet people from the other side (of the Atlantic Ocean)."

"You realize we have a lot of cultural similarities," she added.

She then gradually understood the logistics of conducting an AWG.

"You're just happy and young, and you're like, 'Wow, this is great!'" Abelsen recalled. "Then you realize all the work that was done behind it."

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# Cheering, sportsmanship – good fan etiquette

By Danny Martin

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Being a good sport at the Arctic Winter Games isn't limited to its athletes.

Fans are encouraged to be good sports while taking in the 20 athletic events during the week-long extravaganza.

"First of all, you need to be ready to cheer for everyone," Wendell Shiffler, vice president of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, said during a recent interview in the 2014 host society's headquarters in downtown Fairbanks.

"If your son or daughter is competing, certainly support them," he added.

Fans shouldn't say detrimental things to competitors or boo them, Shiffler said.

"These aren't Olympic athletes," he said. "They're young people trying to do the best they can with this opportunity."

Fans should never enter an area of competition, whether it's a basketball court, hockey rink, ski trail or a venue for Arctic events.

"Stay back, stay away and give the

kids an opportunity to compete and do the best they can," Shiffler said.

Fans also shouldn't bring their pets to the sled dog races, which are scheduled for March 17-20 at the Jeff Studert Racegrounds behind the Musher's Hall on Farmers Loop.

Fans shouldn't throw objects at competitors, coaches or officials during the Arctic Winter Games.

"Fans at the Arctic Winter Games have opportunities to set good examples by showing good sportsmanship," Shiffler said.

A good sportsmanship pin is awarded to teams during the Arctic Winter Games.

Shiffler has seen good sportsmanship from fans at AWG events.

"I've witnessed people welcoming other fans, taking the time for interchanging discussions with them," he said.

"I've seen people be excited for their teams, but they also went to other team's coach or a player after a game and told them 'Good job,'" Shiffler said.

"There's more to a sport than winning," Shiffler said. "It's a lifelong learning experience."



Team Alaska girls cheer on the junior male basketball team March 5, 2012.

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## Passes for events, days, more

By Bob Eley  
ULU NEWS

Spectators at the Arctic Winter Games can enjoy all of the outdoor sports free of charge, but there will be admission to indoor events during the sports and cultural extravaganza Sunday through Saturday in Fairbanks.

The Arctic Winter Games are a sports and cultural event bringing athletes, coaches and cultural delegations from across the circumpolar north together for a weeklong celebration. There are 20 sports and numerous cultural events scheduled during the week.

Spectators can purchase a super pass, which is good for all indoor events with the exception of medals rounds for hockey, volleyball, basketball, curling and indoor soccer. You can attend as many indoor events each day as you want.

Super passes are \$40 for adults and \$35 for youth (age 6-18), seniors (age 55 and older) and military personnel.

Daily passes are \$15 for adults and \$12

for youth, seniors and military.

Medals round tickets, with the exception of indoor soccer, are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth, seniors and military. Soccer medals round games span two days and are \$30 for adults and \$12 for youth, seniors and military.

Tickets for the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies and gala events must be purchased separately.

Tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies are \$20 for each event for adults and \$15 for youth, seniors and military

Tickets to the gala (cultural) events are \$35 for adults and \$30 for youth, seniors and military. The gala events are on March 20 and 21 at Hering Auditorium. The age for youth at gala events is 3-18.


Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com, the Arctic Winter Games retail store at 330 Barnette Street, the Carlson Center and University of Alaska Fairbanks box office in the Patty Center, all Fred Meyer stores in Alaska and Eielson Air Force Base.

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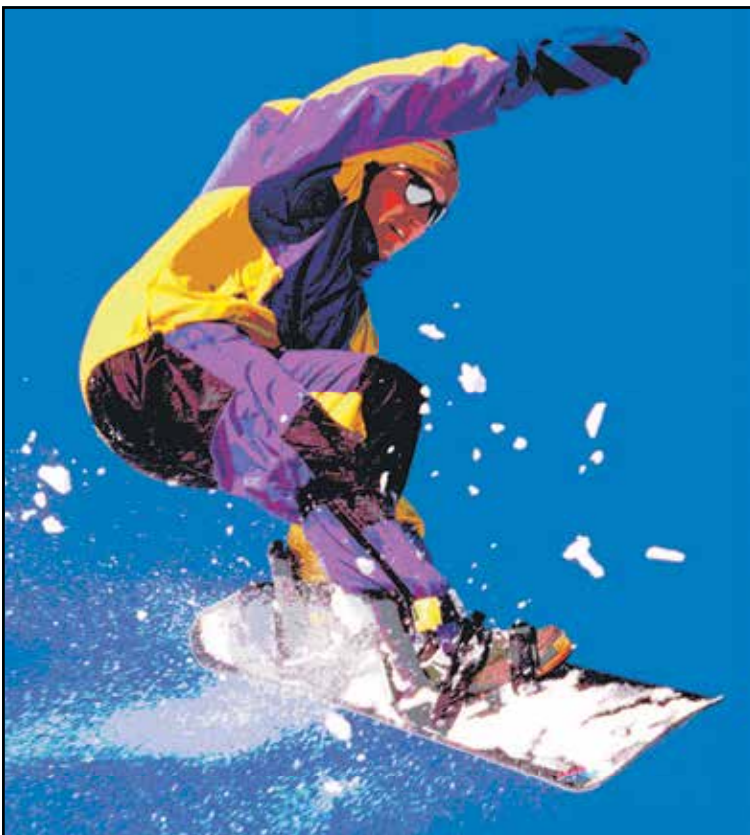
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